



## LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 28th January 2024



### Titus 3:1-8 Supernatural

#### Warm Up

Has God ever spoken to you? How did you know it was God speaking and not just your own thoughts? Describe a time when you have truly felt the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Background and context

Titus was a Gentile convert of Paul. When Paul established churches in Crete, he left Titus there to lead and grow them. He writes to Titus to give him authority to tackle dissention and heresy. The Cretan population had a poor reputation across Asia Minor; known for their drunkenness, greed, dishonesty and laziness. One key theme of the letter is the repeated call to “do good” not in order to be saved but to demonstrate that salvation includes personal transformation.

#### Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



**READ TITUS 3:1-8.** What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. Why is Paul asking that people be reminded to do good? Is there an underlying message here that we need to understand? If so, what is it?
2. **Read v 3.** What can we learn about Paul and Titus from these verses? How might they apply to us?
3. **Read v 4.** If God provides our salvation and not our works, why are we called to do whatever is good?
4. **Read v 5.** How has God rescued us? What does this look like in reality?
5. What does it mean to be an heir to God's kingdom?
6. Why should this passage give us confidence and hope at the same time as keeping us humble?

#### Growing in discipleship: Practical application



7. If you were in church on Sunday and heard Chris' sermon, how did it challenge you?
8. What concerns or anxieties do you have about saying “I surrender all” to the Holy Spirit?
9. Spend time in prayer and meditation. Find some scriptures that help you understand God's goodness and His desire for you to experience His best.

#### Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.